

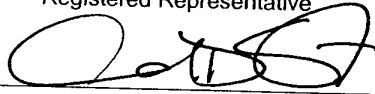


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In re Application of:

Kazuaki Matsumoto et al.

Serial No.: 10/031,210

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	TRANSLATION	
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10-139964	05/26/1998	Japan	Abstract	X
2001-40219	02/13/2001	Japan	Abstract	X
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Respectfully submitted,

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